

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
U.S. Application No. 10/568,340

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The submitted drawings are believed to overcome the objection in the Office Action dated January 16, 2007.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(1)

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3 are all the claims pending in the application, prior to entry of this Amendment.

In response to the drawing objection, Applicant submits concurrently herewith a replacement sheet of drawings in which Figs. 4a and 4b are labeled as "Prior Art". Applicant respectfully submits that Fig. 4f, on the other hand, is included within the scope of the invention, and thus is not admitted prior art.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 2 is hereby rewritten in independent form, and claim 1 is canceled. Moreover, the language from claim 1 that was alleged as being indefinite, i.e., the language defining the diameter "d" for calculating the second moment coefficient, is hereby amended to clarify that the filaments of the bead core used to calculate "d" exclude the core wire. Thus, the indefiniteness is rejection is believed to be overcome, and claims 2 and 3 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to issue at the earliest possible time. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local exchange below.

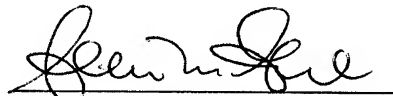
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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